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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - BRITNEY WRIGHTINTON

The New Haven Scholarship Fund was an essential resource that helped to make higher education possible for me. Coming from a single-parent household, college was not seen as an option growing up but NHSF helped make it possible. Though the scholarship did not pay my full tuition, it did help fill in the gaps for necessities, on top of tuition, meal plans, housing, textbooks, and school supplies.

A first-generation college student, I graduated with a Behavioral Science degree with a minor in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) from the University of South Florida in 2019 and became a Board-Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst. I am currently pursuing my master's degree in ABA.

During college, I provided ABA services to adolescents diagnosed with Autism in clinic, home, school, and community settings. I have worked with individuals across the Spectrum, ranging from ages 2 to 17, and have utilized behavior therapy sessions that target decreasing maladaptive behaviors and increasing skill acquisition for communication, social, and daily living skills. Recently, I have taken the opportunity to work with a different population of individuals, including youth in juvenile residential/detention centers and foster care in Florida.



My teachers were an essential part of pushing me to seek higher education. I could not be more grateful that I earned my degree and have been given many opportunities to meet new people, travel the world, and make my passion of helping others become my career. My college experience was life-changing for me and other NHSF scholars who have been awarded this opportunity. I encourage you to help support the fund, so that it can continue to help students reach for greatness and thrive!



## A LASTING LEGACY

Create a legacy through the New Haven Scholarship Fund and make an enduring impact in the lives of New Haven students for decades to come, while honoring the legacy of your family. Legacy giving, sometimes referred to as planned giving, consists of a gift made by an individual or family with the desire to make

a positive change for future generations. It is an effective way to guarantee the causes that you care deeply about will continue to receive support well beyond your lifetime. Your gift to NHSF provides educational opportunities to New Haven public school students who may not otherwise have the financial ability to achieve their dreams of higher education. If you are reading this article, then surely NHSF is an organization that reflects your values. As a donor to the fund, you have already shown that you care about getting students started on a path that has the potential to change their lives. We are very thankful for your continued support of NHSF.

Your gift ensures that your priority to help New Haven public school students can continue well into the future. It will remain invested in the fund where it will earn interest to supply subsequent scholarships.

As part of your estate planning, consider leaving a legacy gift so that hard working future generations of New Haven students will have an opportunity to pursue post-high school education.

To learn more about The New Haven Scholarship Fund, visit our website at www.newhavenscholarshipfund.org or email us at newhavenscholarship@yahoo.com

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Support NHSF through the Community Foundation's Great Give event!

thegreatgive.org

May 4 to May 5 - The Great Give

A 36 hour online giving event to support local non-profits.

See pg 2 for more information.

June - Virtual Award Ceremony to honor our scholarship recipients.

Date to be determined

The Great Give is a wonderful, easy, one-stop, 36-hour online-giving event that provides another opportunity to donate to NHSF while qualifying the fund for additional incentives and prizes!

The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven offers prizes during the fundraising campaign. Last year we were fortunate enough to win a \$1,000 incentive prize as a result of your generous contributions. There are also many fun prizes offered by other sponsors such as The Midnight Snack prize of \$500 which will be awarded to the organization with a donation made closest to midnight. Matching gift incentives are also offered for donations made in advance of the event beginning April 23<sup>rd</sup> until the close on May 5<sup>th</sup>. A full list of prizes is available on the Great Give website.

The Great Give runs from **May 4th, 8:00 am to May 5th, 8:00 pm**. If you miss the deadline, please note that donation pages will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on May 7. No prizes or matches will be awarded on gifts made however after 8:00p.m. on May 5.

Originally, the New Haven Scholarship Fund, was a one-time first-year scholarship. We have expanded our scholarship awards to enable students to reapply each year for additional financial assistance. Our scholarship can be used at any college or trade school nationwide. Helping our students through to

the completion of their goal is truly inspirational, and we have received wonderful stories like the one featured in our current newsletter. The money we raise from donors like you is essential in making a difference in the lives of New Haven public school students!



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(Advance giving begins April 23)
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There is no cost to charities or customers, and 100% of the donation generated from eligible purchases go to the New Haven Scholarship Fund. It's a great way to give to the Fund and continue your support of New Haven students!

